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REMARKS:

I. Introduction

In the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 to 8, and 11 to 20. This Amendment cancels no claims, amends claims 1, 3 to 8, and 11 to 20, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 3 to 8, and 11 to 20 remain pending in this application.

II. Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 to 8, and 11 to 20 under 35. U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended to make clear that the claims are to a combination of a roof and a fall protection device. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

III. Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 to 8, and 11 to 20 under 35. U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Pena (US 5,820,497) in view of Willetts (US 4,600,179).

Neither Pena or Willetts disclose a combination of a roof and a fall protection device nor a bear portion engaging a roof. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3915.

Respectfully submitted,

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